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| Title: PEGYLATED SOLUBLE GP130- |) | |
| DIMERS USEFUL AS A MEDICAMENT |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.